

I was just shown a copy of the Oct. 11, 2004 Washington Post. An article written by Mr. Paul Farhi states that Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Such action is a definite example of problems with media consolidation.

As Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. More and more large companies control the airwaves, their only concern is for the bottom line. Thus, the public airways are cornered by these giants; the public is not given "fair balance" and democracy loses. Instead of something produced to spin and distort to meet "the company line" we need less manipulation for PR and "the bottom line" and more investigation, revealing and reporting of the PR industry and its effect on the suffocation of journalism and the dissolution of the Democracy imagined and created by those such as Thomas Jefferson.

The action by Sinclair reported in the Washington Post demonstrates again why media ownership rules must be strengthened and not weakened. The license renewal should involve more than a simple postcard. Please get off your collective bureaucratic asses and protect us the public. Thank you.